

Improving Care for Acute and Chronic Problems with Smart Forms and Quality Dashboards

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Agenda

- Brief Introduction to Partners IS
- Motivation for Smart Forms and Quality Dashboards
 - LMR, Patient Gateway
 - The Signature Initiatives -> High Performance Medicine
 - Partners Advanced Informatics Infrastructure
- SFQD Study Design
 - Preliminary Focus Group and Survey Data
- Architecture and Software Overview
 - Smart Forms
 - Quality Dashboards
- Discussion





Partners HealthCare – NHII in situ

- Founded in 1994
 - Brigham and Women's Hospital
 - Massachusetts General Hospital
- Now includes:
 - Community Physician Network
 - 2 Rehab Hospitals
 - 4 Community Hospitals
 - Affiliated cancer hospital Dana Farber
- Common Clinical IT supported by Partners Information Systems





Overview of Partners IS: Scale of the Integration Effort

- 55,000 devices attached to the Partners network
- 45,000 users accounts
- 110 locations on the network
- 750 servers
- 800 applications
- 540 active projects
- 1,100 employees based in 19 locations





What Are the Signature Initiatives?

The Signature Initiatives are five Systemwide projects with one common goal:

To deliver better care to patients.

- Care that is:
 - > Safer
 - Better coordinated
 - More reliable in delivering proven interventions
- Systems that support providers in "doing the right thing."







What Are the Signature Initiatives?

1. Investing in quality and utilization infrastructure

- —Information systems
- —Other resources

Infrastructure

Efficiency

- 2. Enhancing patient safety by reducing medication errors system-wide
- 3. Enhancing uniform high quality by measuring performance to benchmark for select inpatient and outpatient conditions
- 4. Expanding disease management programs by supporting activities for certain patients with chronic illnesses
- 5. <u>Improving cost effectiveness</u> through managing utilization trends and analysis of variance







Quite possibly the biggest development in patient care since the telephone.

When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in Boston in 1875, he was able to call his assistant in a nearby room using a wire.

Today your physician can instantly call up your medical history, tests, medications and physicians' notes on a computer screen.

It's called electronic medical record, EMR, and it's part of what we at Partners HealthCare call High Performance Medicine.

We began installing EMR in 2003. Today about 90 percent of our primary care physicians have it at our two academic medical centers, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital.

Two of our community hospitals, Faulkner Hospital and Newton-Wellesley Hospital are finalizing implementation of EMR now. Our hospitals in North Shore Medical Center expect full implementation by next June. Among our community-based primary care physicians, more than 60 percent are using EMR or are in the course of implementing it.

High Performance Medicine provides our doctors with guidance on the appropriate tests to order. For example, EMR tells them when an x-ray will be just as revealing as an MRI, but at a fraction of the cost.

Physicians can write prescriptions on-line. This allows them to safely

order the right medication, detect any allergies you might have, and know which other medications you are taking, in order to avoid dangerous drug interactions.

Prescribing by computer also displays which generic drugs are effective, which have the lowest co-pay, and which are covered by your insurance.

High Performance Medicine brings technological advances to the doctor's office, the pharmacy, and the neighborhood health center.

We believe EMR will soon be used as effortlessly as the telephone. But with the power to help your doctor diagnose, treat and heal. For more information, go to www.Partners.org/HPM.

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No one should have to decipher your doctor's handwriting to give you the right prescription.

When your pharmacist can read clearly what your physician prescribed, that means you're getting the right medication at the right dosage. This happens automatically when your doctor orders prescriptions by computer.

Physicians who prescribe by computers rather than pen and pads get alerts that point out allergies you might have to certain medications. They see all medications prescribed by other doctors in the Partners Health Care system. This minimizes clangerous drug interactions. (Literally thousands of interactions are possible.)

There's no need to translate your doctor's handwriting. Or rely on your memory: Everything is clearly and securely kept in your doctor's computer.

Your doctor can use a coding system developed by Partners pharmacists that says which generic drugs are safe and effective alternatives to heavily advertised ones. It even tells them which prescriptions are covered by your insurance and have the lowest co-pay:

Medication orders are automated at our founding hospitals, Brigham and Women's and Massachusetts General, as well as at Faulkner Hospital and Newton-Wellesley Hospital. It is the process of being implemented at our hospitals in North Shore Medical Center.

About 60 percent of Partners community-based primary care physicians also can prescribe by computer and that number grows every week.

This upgrading is part of what we call High Performance Medicine. HPM tales advantage of digital technology to make our already outstanding care even better.

But the best reason for prescribing by computer is that it is safer for our patients. And it doesn't take an Egyptologist to understand that's good for all of us.

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Business Goals Drive IT Objectives

- Business Goals
 - Enhancing patient safety by reducing medication errors
 - Enhancing uniform high quality by measuring performance
 - Expanding disease management programs
 - Improving cost effectiveness through managing utilization trends
 - Improving patient care access and convenience
- IT Objectives
 - Support key business initiatives through the design and implementation of improved IT infrastructure
 - Bridge system silos to make information available everywhere
 - Achieve enterprise wide interoperability of key data types to support decision support and data aggregation
 - Manage knowledge to achieve uniform best practices
 - Make results visible to drive process improvement







Increasing the level of enterprise integration is supported by core IT services that can be integrated with and/or accessed by site-based applications.

These IT services integrate and communicate with the site-based and enterprise applications via a *service-oriented architecture* made up of layered components.

This approach leverages:

- A common technology infrastructure:
- Common data, terminology and rules (especially those associated with allergies, problems and medications);
- Shared clinical services and applications; and
- Customized views and capabilities for specific user types.

Overview of a Service-Oriented Architecture

Web-Based Portals

Physicians, Nurses, Researchers, Administrators

Applications

Order Entry, Clinical Documentation, Order Processing

Services

Clinical Decision Support, Event Scheduler, Notification, CDR access

Knowledge & Data

Data Repositories, Controlled Medical Terminologies, Catalogues, Dictionaries and EMPI

Infrastructure

Data Center, User Devices, Networks, Security

Provide customized access to relevant clinical applications and patient information based on end user roles and individual requirements.

Aggregate services into logical components that support specific functions

Re-useable software modules that address specific clinical IT capabilities

Logic and tools that access data repositories for patient information, knowledge and terminology

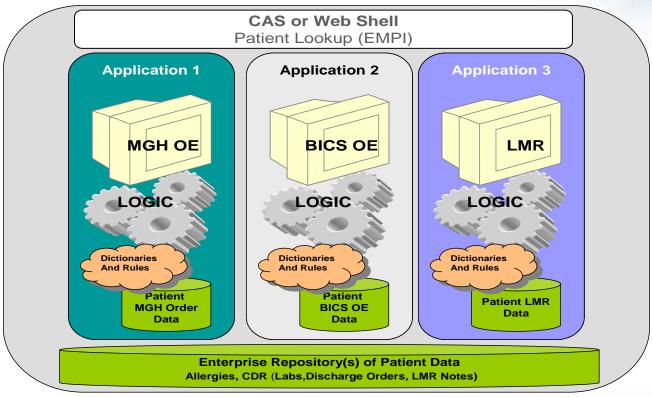
Technical foundation and support for clinical applications and end users



Discrete vs. Shared Data, Knowledge, Logic



Many Partners' applications utilize discrete data, logic and knowledge or rules; most are not integrated across sites – creating islands of information and supporting varying levels of functionality.

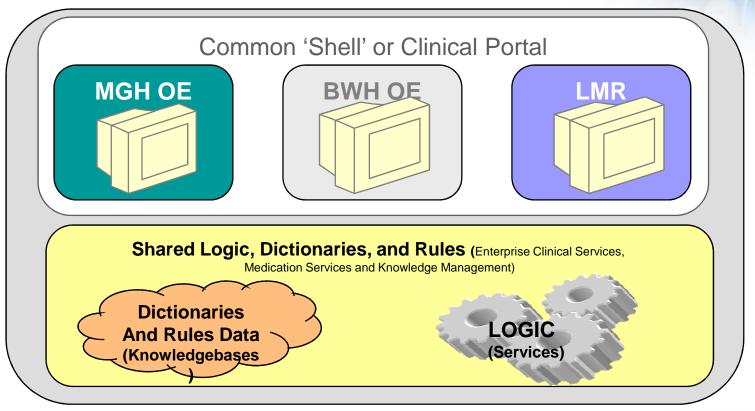




The Future: Shared Data, Knowledge, and Logic



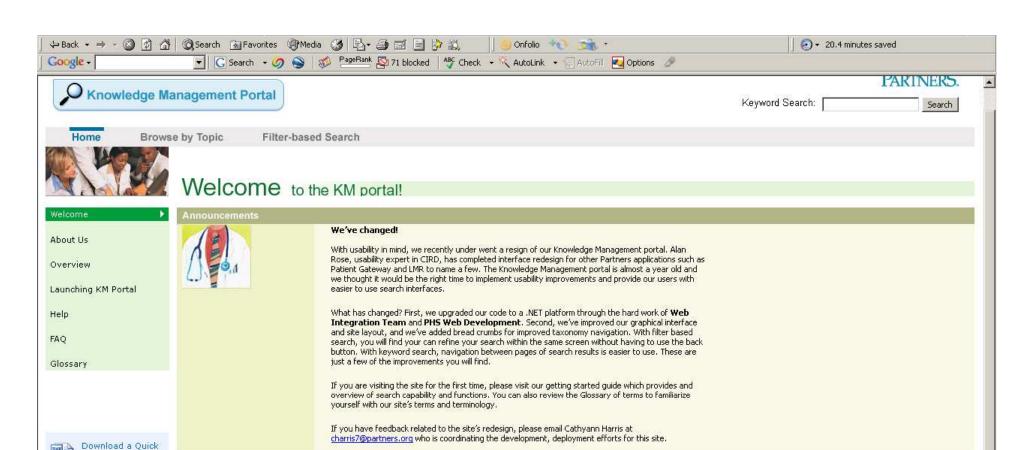
Future clinical applications will take advantage of shared repositories of enterprise data, knowledge, and logic, in a *services-oriented architecture*





Problems, Meds, Allergies, Labs, Orders, Notes, etc.





This site is intended to help anyone at Partners who is engaged in embedding clinical knowledge into the various electronic health record systems share that knowledge with each other. Partners has a rich inventory of order sets, rules, reminders, expert dosing databases, drug information, and documentation templates embedded in a rich array of clinical systems. The Partners Knowledge Management Team has begun the process to inventory and catalogue these assets to support sharing and efficient maintenance.

You can access these assets in three ways:

Keyword Search Browse by Topic Filter-based Search

Site navigation is organized by the four key domains of the Partners Signature Initiatives: Quality, Safety, Disease Management, and Trend Management .

Filter-based search makes it possible to look at content comparatively. For example, if one would like to compare order sets for cardiac interventions at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Massachusetts General Hospital, then filter-based search is the simplest way to view information sifted for these attributes.

Alternatively, if one wants to see all the content related to managing anticoagulation, then navigating there from the Safety section of site navigation will be the simplest. For more information on this please go to "Getting Started". Our team will continue to catalogue and update in the upcoming years, particularly as more hospitals implement physician order entry systems and the LMR.

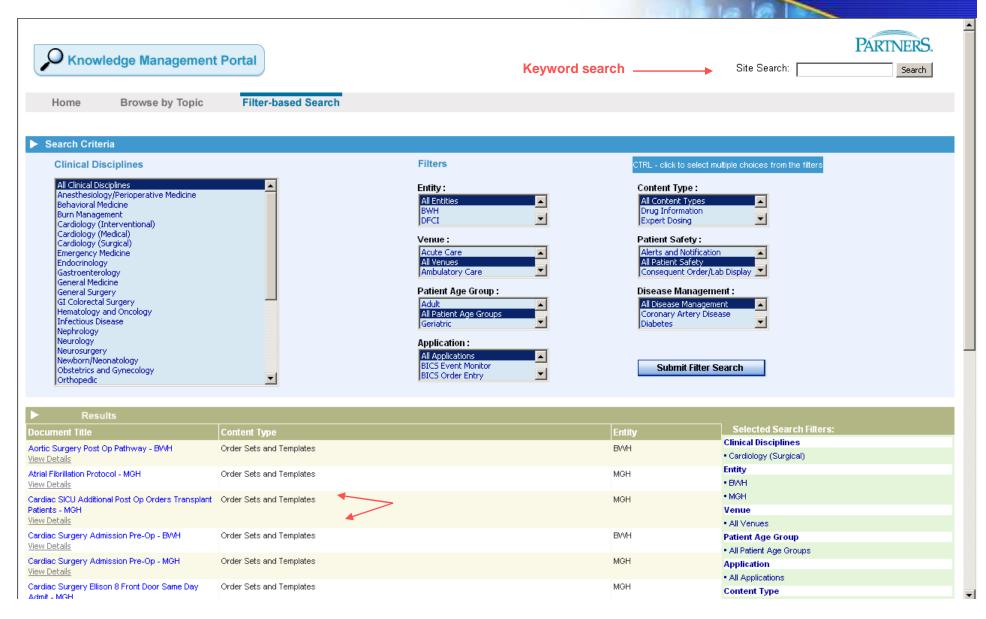
In addition, in 2005, we'll begin implementing specialized tools to support better collaboration with subject matter experts in content development as well as more efficient management of the tracking, versioning, and cataloguing needed for content management. We look forward to working with all of you to make this portal work for you.

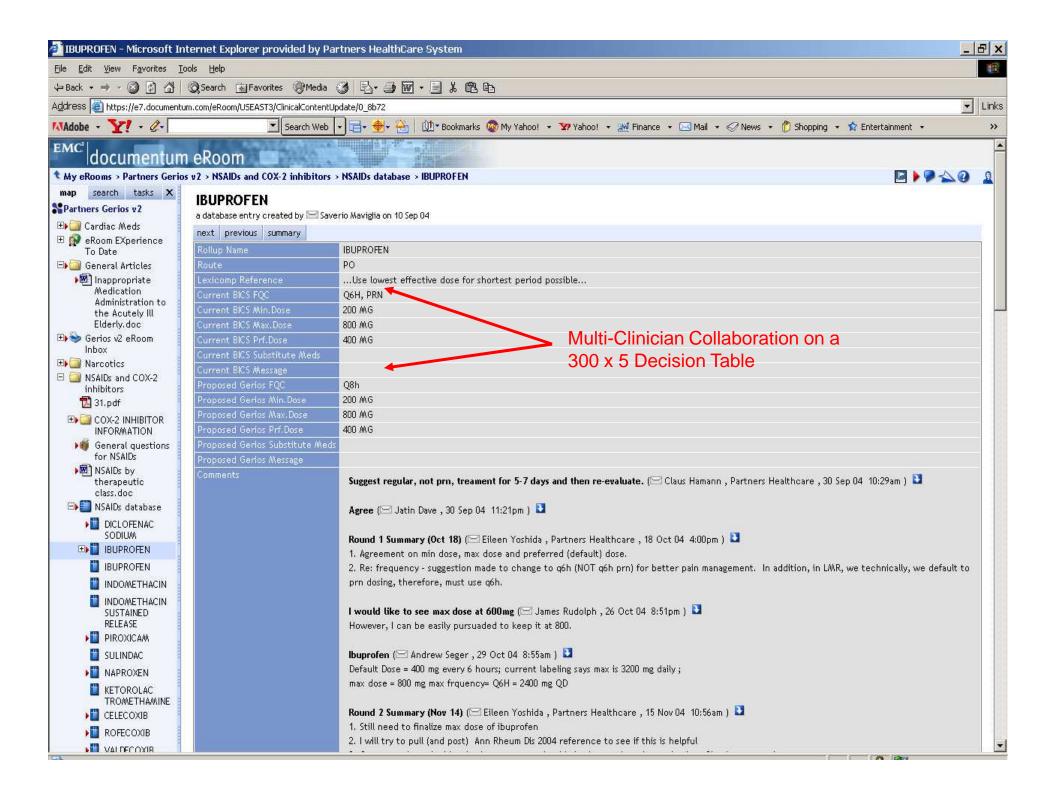
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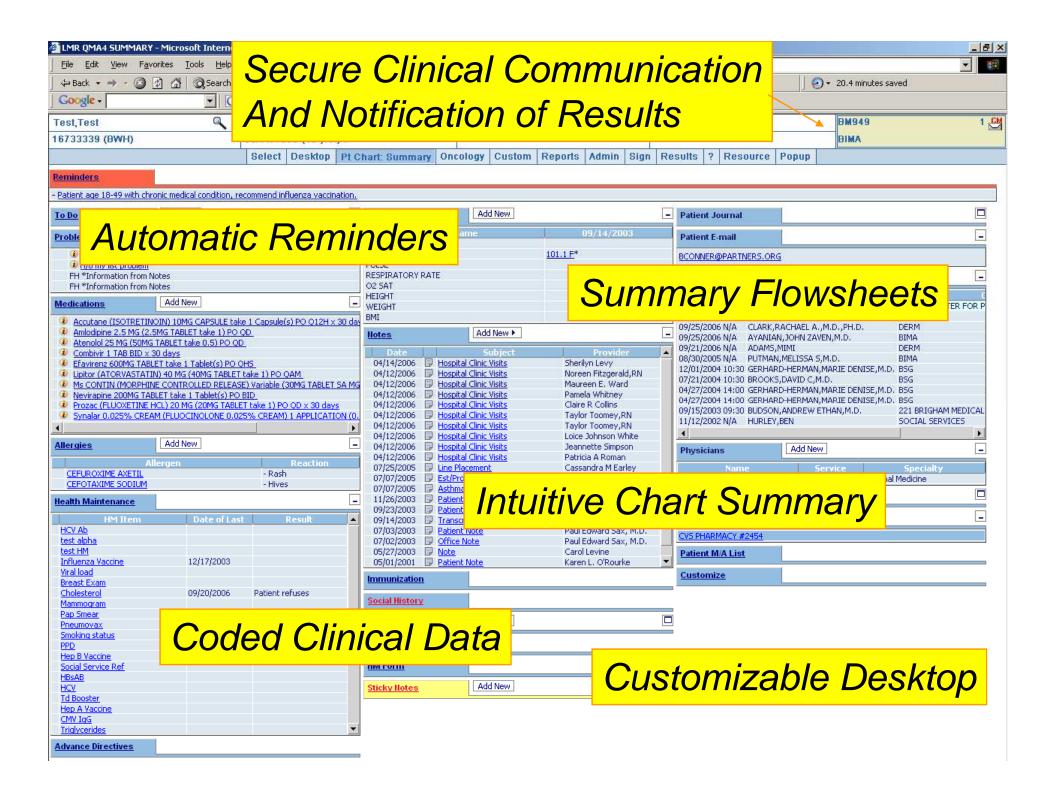
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Compare Content Across Organizations











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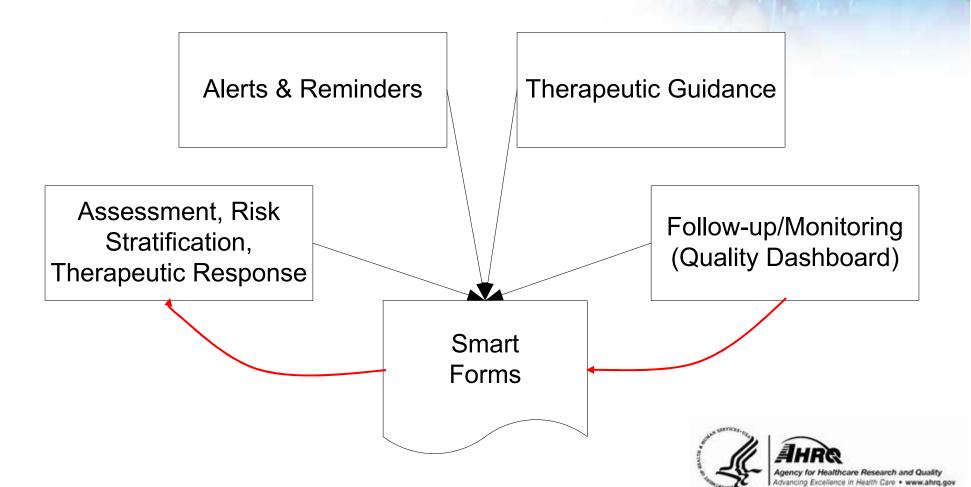
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CDSS Integrated into the Clinical Workflow



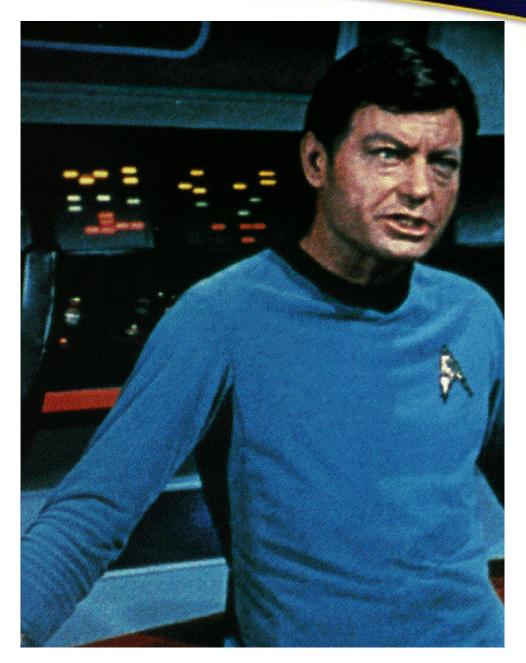


Interaction between data, analysis, and user:

- *User* of data is *creator* of data
- Data is collected as a *by-product* of routine care
- Analysis occurs *within* the information environment
- Analytic results are delivered to the provider during routine care







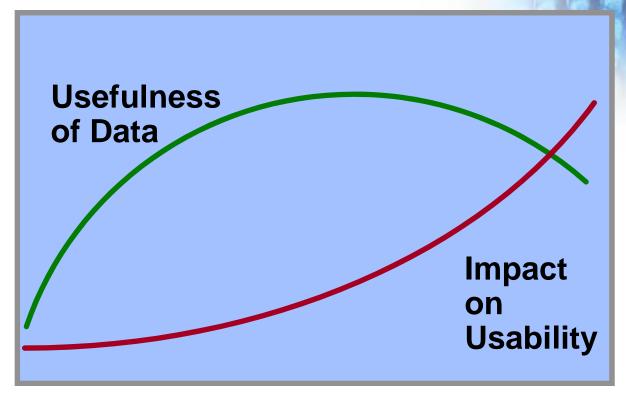
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Structured vs. Unstructured

Data



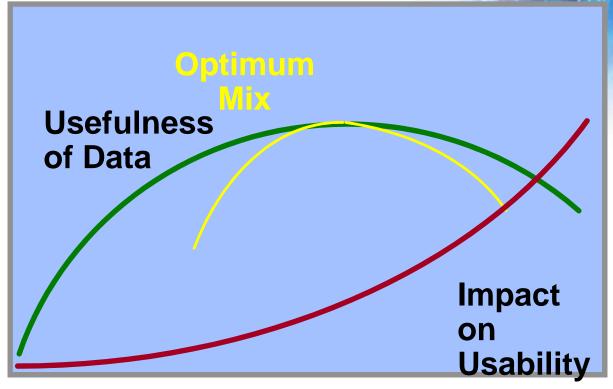
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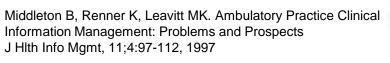


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SFQD Project Goals

- To develop common framework and approach to integrating improved clinical documentation with decision support in the LMR
 - Primary method will be through use of "Smart Forms"
 - Secondary method will be through use of "Quality Dashboards"





SFQD Secondary Goals

- To externalize knowledge elements and logic used in LMR smart forms, alerts & reminders, and quality dashboards
- To make use of external rules engine for all LMR clinical inference and decision support
- To improve usability of LMR (market competitiveness)



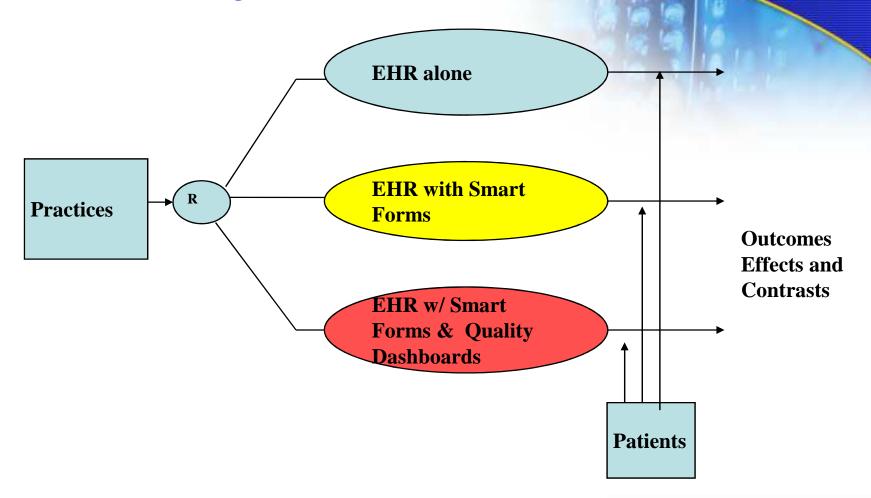


SFQD Specific Aims

- Specific Aim 1: To design and implement an integrated documentation-based clinical decision support and physician feedback system, provided in an electronic health record (EHR), to improve the management of patients with acute and chronic medical conditions.
- Specific Aim 2: To determine the **effectiveness of documentation-based CDSS and physician feedback** on documentation and the clinical management of patients with coronary artery disease and acute respiratory tract infections.
- Specific Aim 3: To assess the **perceived value** of EHR quality dashboards by clinicians and their marginal impact over smart forms on compliance with best practices in ARI and CAD.



Research Design







Condition Dichotomy

- ARI
 - Acute condition
 - Errors of commission
 - Often a stand-alone urgent care visit
 - Decision support during visit only

- CAD & DM
 - Chronic conditions
 - Errors of omission
 - Usually in context of a full visit with multiple problems
 - Decision support
 before, during, and
 after visit

Limited Time

Competing Demands





What is a Smart Form?

- Clinical documentation-based
- Actively engage user during workflow
- Organize relevant data
- Request new data
- Integrate decision support, ordering, patient education, and documentation



ARI Smart Form Features

- Structured data entry
- Patient data display
- Diagnosis detection
- Presentation of treatment options with integrated decision support
 - Based on coded data and final diagnosis (e.g., probability of strep throat)
- Printing of patient handouts
- Access to medical literature





ARI Smart Form

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Subjective fever	
Chills or feeling cold	
Fatigue, tired, worn-out	"Wiped out"
Headache Facial or sinus pain Facial or sinus pressure Runny nose/nasal discharge	
- Colored nasal discharge - Post-nasal drip - Sore throat - Swollen glands	Rapid capture of clinical information with drop down lists and check boxes
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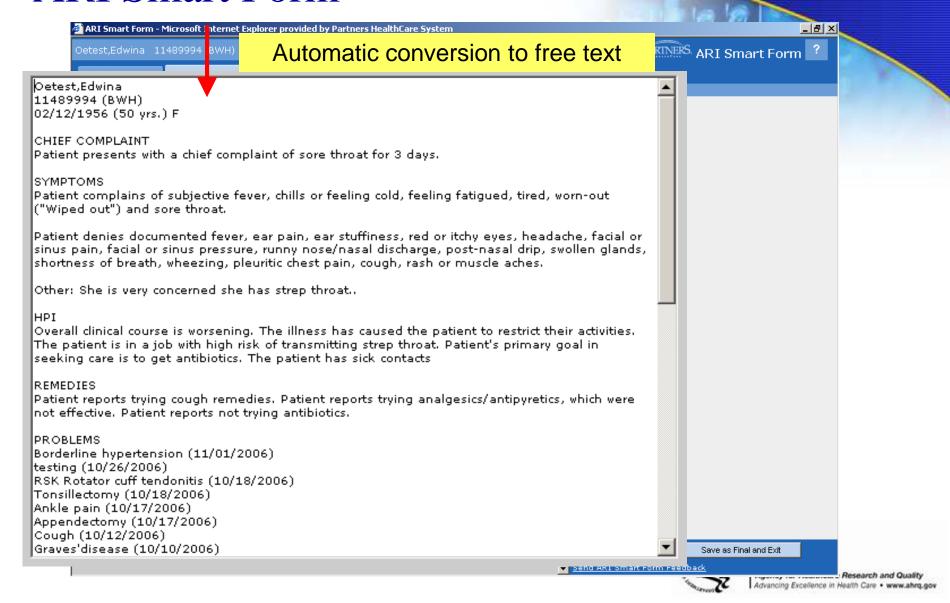


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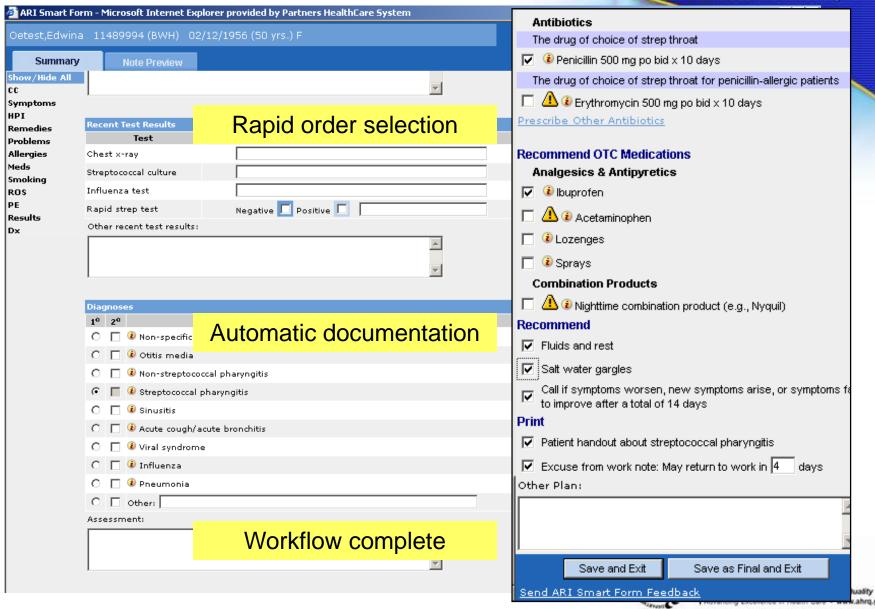
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Decision support: diagnosis

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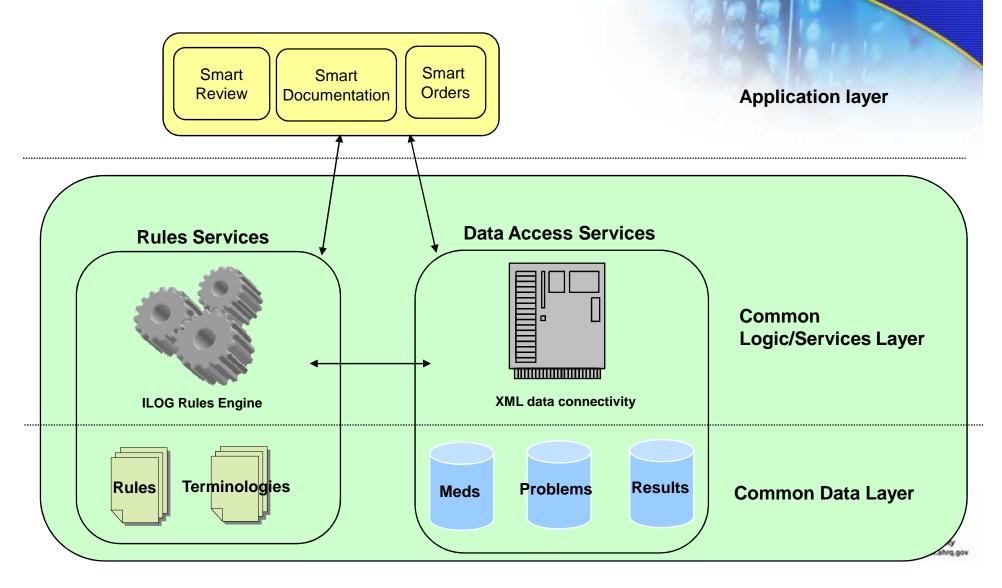
CAD / Diabetes Smart Form

- Integrated into a full visit note
- Customized views tailored to medical condition(s) of the patient
- Central note-writing section
 - Multiple ways to document a note
 - "Formlets" for selected coded data entry
- Decision support section
- Patient View
 - Activates patient around goals of care

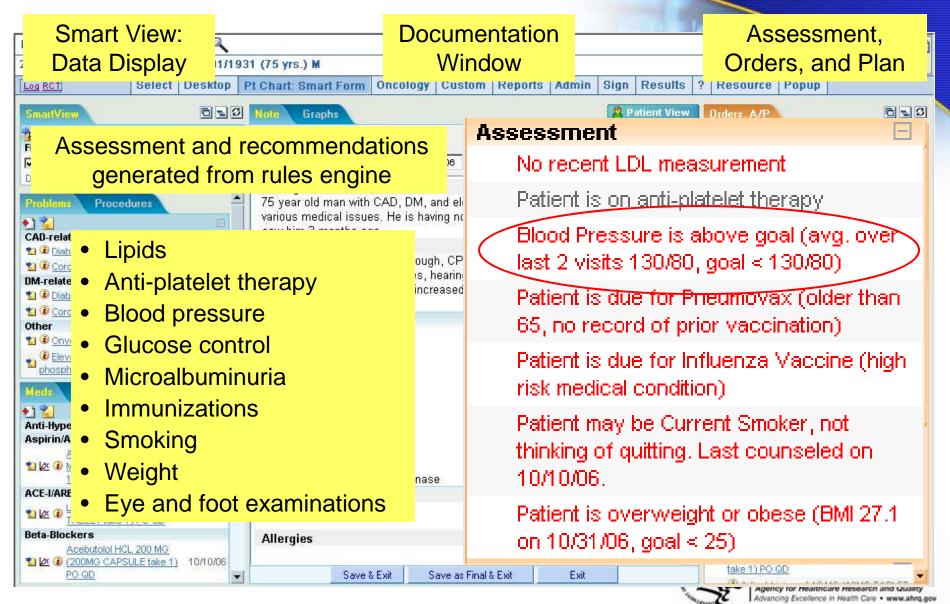




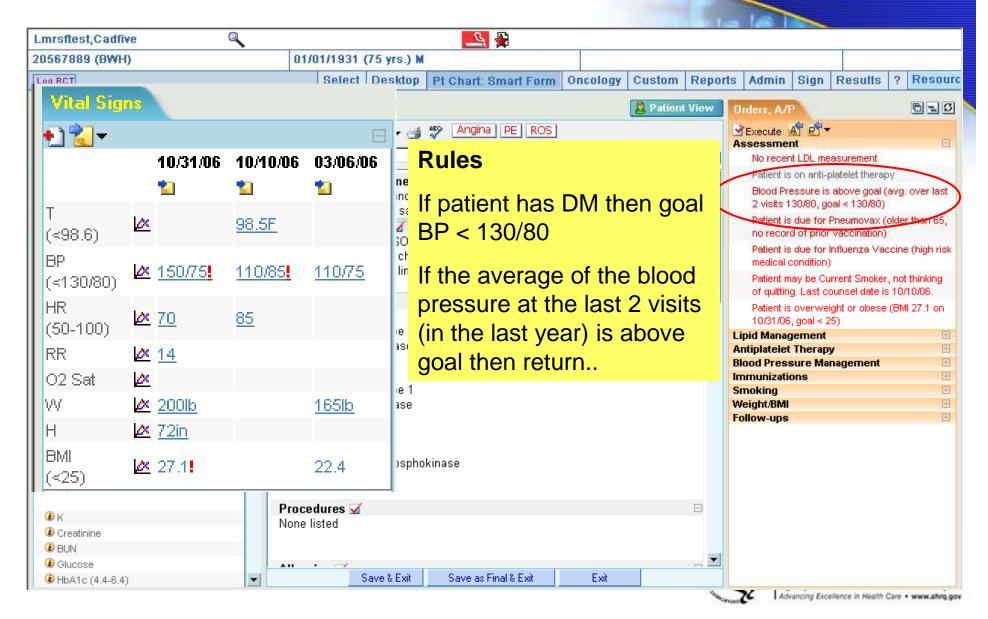
Smart Forms – a composite application, based on SOA



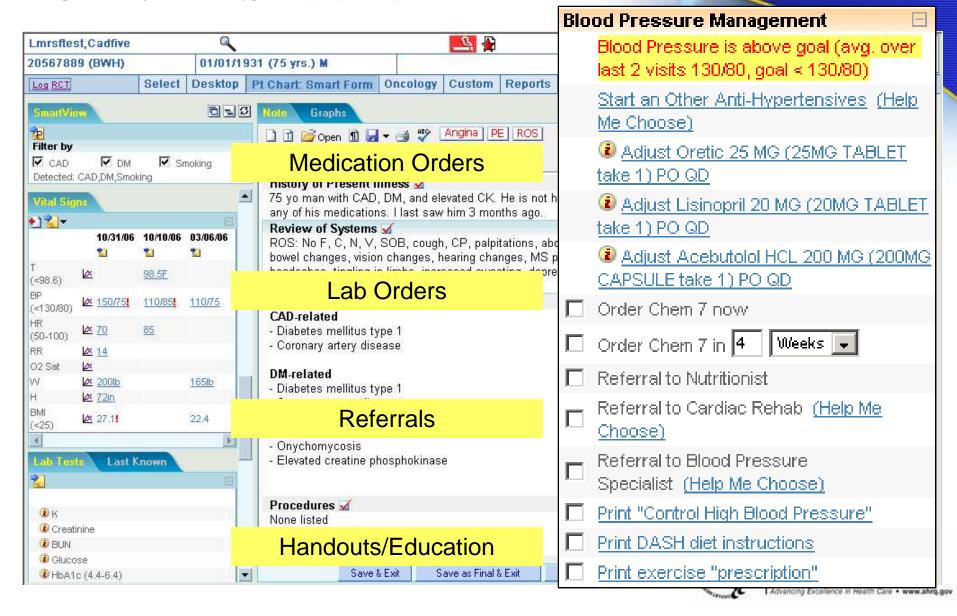


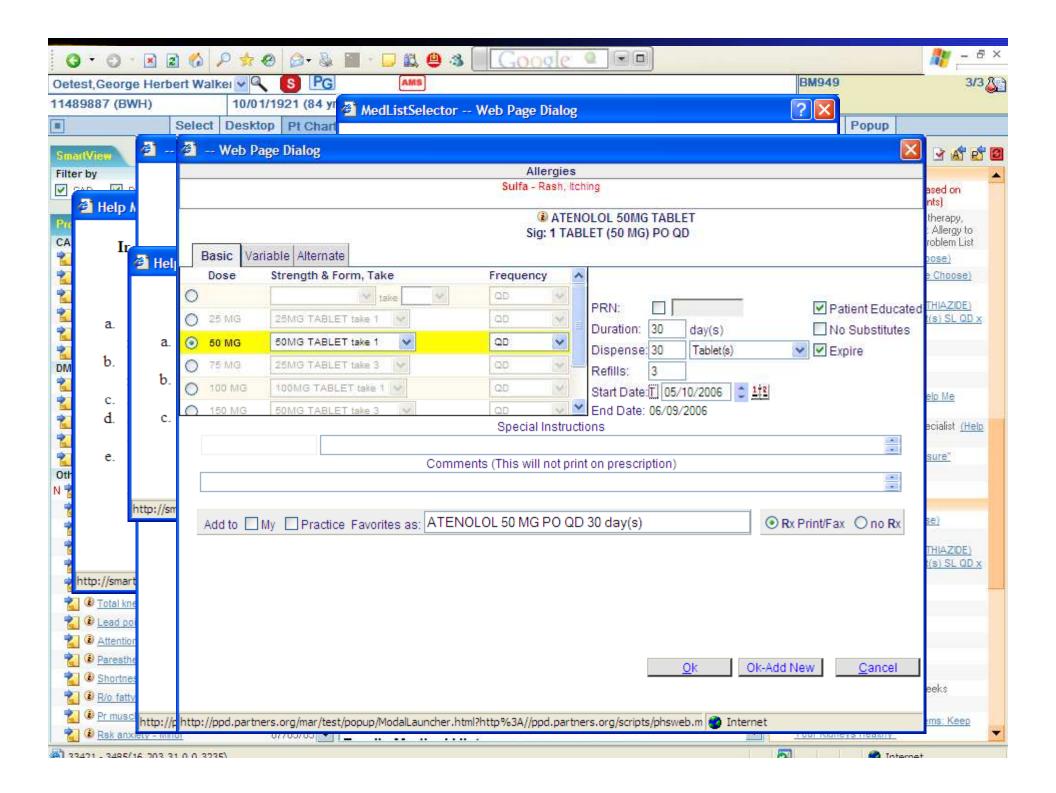




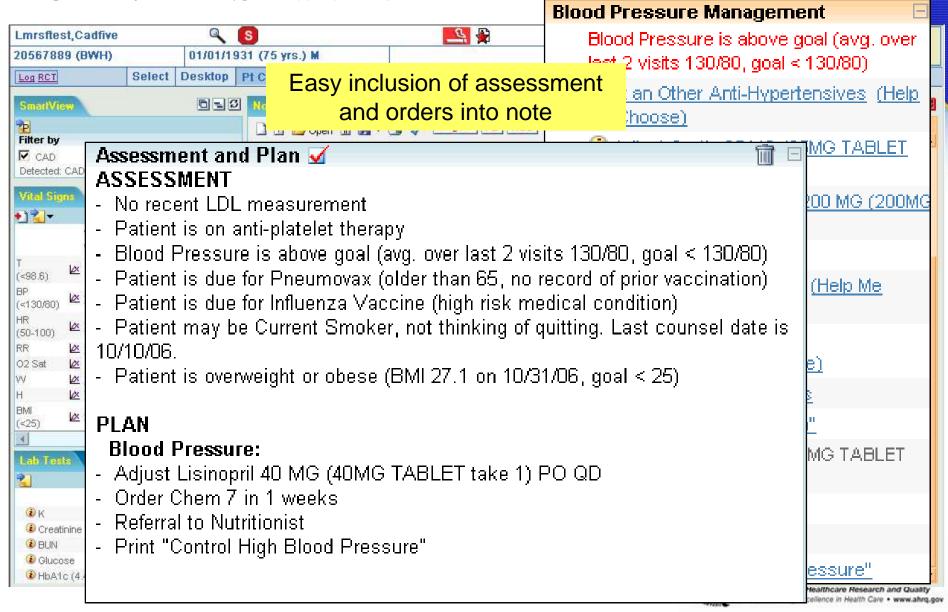






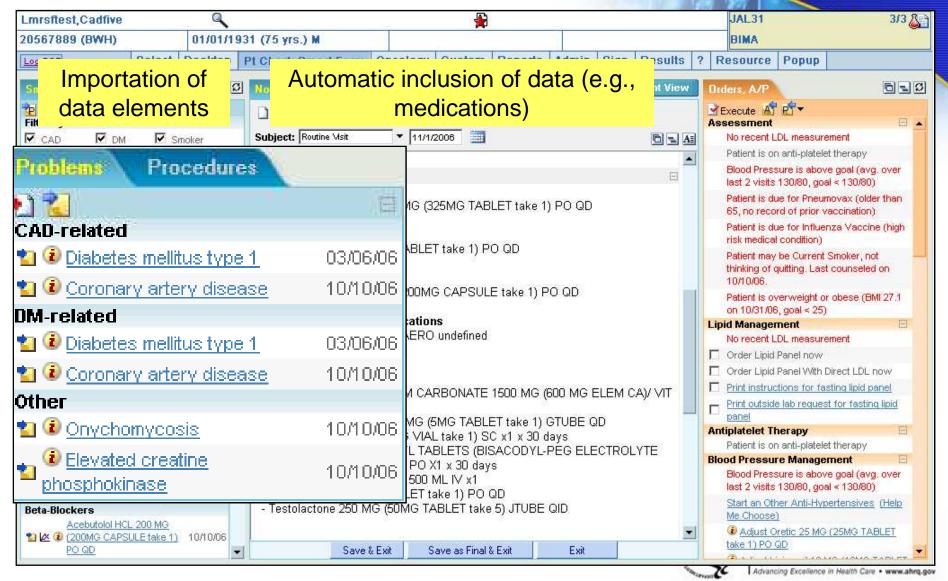






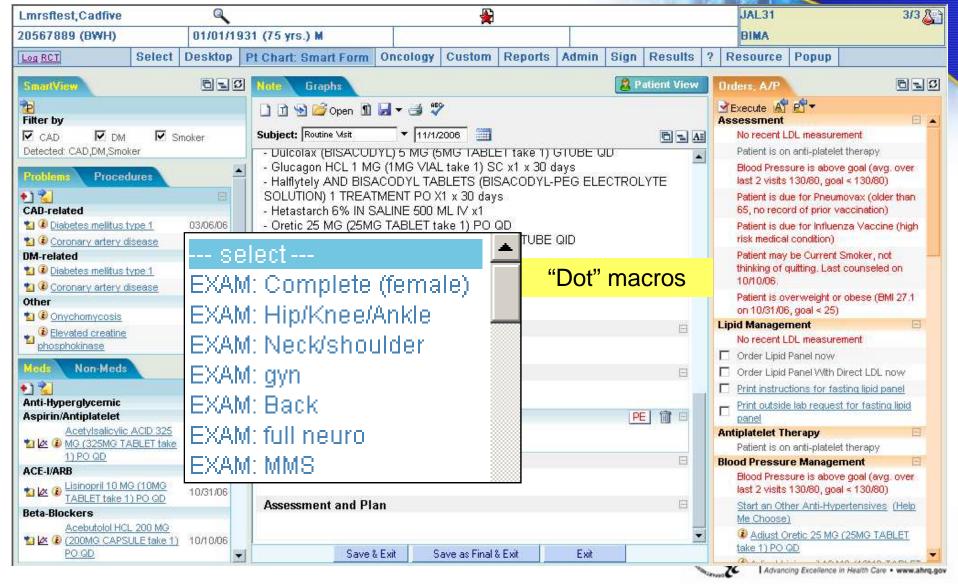
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Workflow





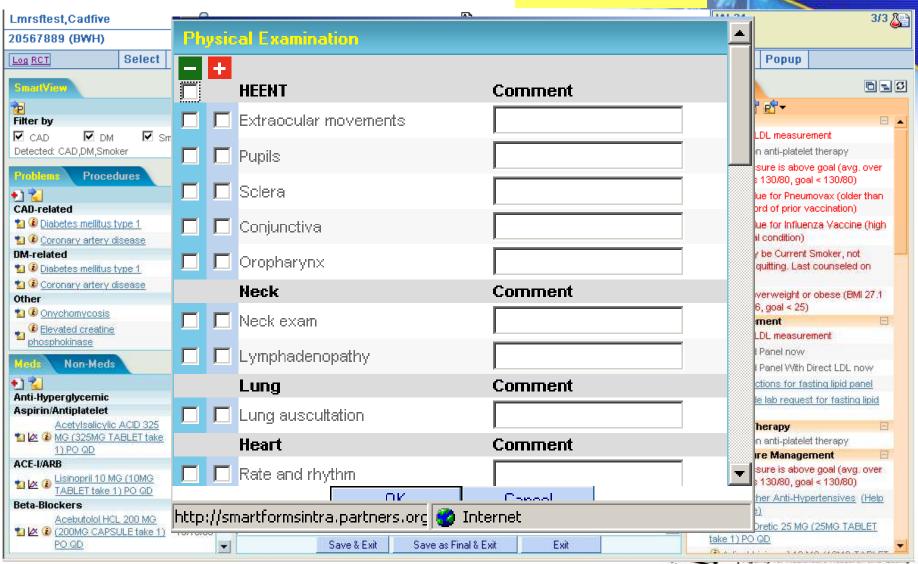




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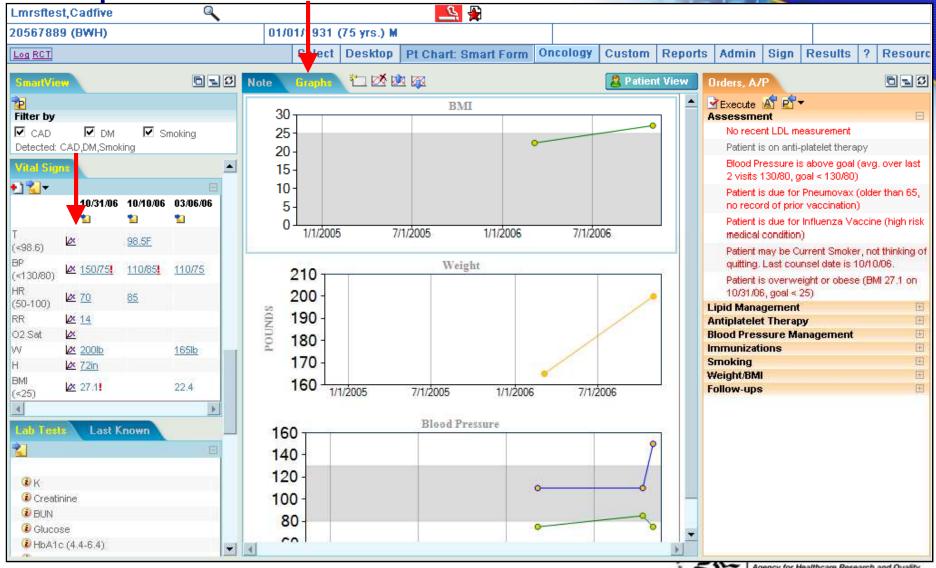
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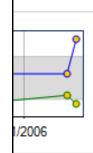




CAD/DM SF: Patient View

Blood Pressure

On average, your blood pressure has been running high recently (average of 130/80 from your last two doctor visits). The recommended blood pressure goal is 130/80. You may want to discuss with your doctor about things you can do to help lower your blood pressure.



pneumonia at least once. If you have not had a pneumonia shot, you may want to discuss with your doctor whether you should get a pneumonia shot. Most people with medical conditions such as yours receive a flu shot every year. If you have not had a flu shot this year, you may want to discuss with your doctor's office whether you should get a flu shot.

Smoking

If you are currently a smoker, you may want to talk to your doctor about ways to help you quit.



ARI and CAD/DM <u>Pre</u> Survey: Overall EHR use

- 223 clinicians responded (response rate 45%).
- Respondents had a mean age of 39 years old and were 40% men.
- Respondents were 197 physicians (88%), 24 nurse practitioners (11%), and 4 other clinician types (2%), including registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.
- Trainees interns, residents, and fellows made up 92 (41%) of respondents.





Pre survey contained questions about baseline computer use and about electronic health record use during patient visits.

Table 1: Reported Activities during Patient Visits*

During the visit, do you	N	Never	Sometimes	Usually	Always			
		N (%)						
Electronic health record use								
Correct/update the medication list?	221	24 (11)	45 (20)	85 (38)	67 (30)			
Write at least part of the note?	220	65 (30)	59 (27)	48 (22)	48 (22)			
Correct/update the problem list?	221	53 (24)	95 (43)	52 (24)	21 (10)			
Correct/update health maintenance information?	221	60 (27)	97 (44)	47 (21)	17 (8)			
Write full notes?	218	116 (53)	55 (25)	25 (11)	22 (10)			
Modify the last note or template?	217	103 (47)	68 (31)	31 (14)	15 (7)			
Correct/update other parts of the LMR?	191	102 (53)	50 (26)	30 (16)	9 (5)			
Paper Use		` '	· ·	,	` '			
Write on the mini face sheet?	210	105 (50)	42 (20)	21 (10)	42 (20)			
Write on a blank piece of paper?	213	74 (35)	75 (35)	32 (15)	32 (15)			

^{*}Rows may not add to 100% because of rounding.





Barriers to using the EHR during the patient visit

- The most commonly selected listed reasons for not using the EHR during patient visits were (N=223):
 - loss of eye contact with patient (62%)
 - falling behind schedule (52%),
 - computers being too slow (49%),
 - inability to type quickly enough (32%),
 - feeling that using the computer in front of the patient is rude (31%),
 - preferring to write long prose notes (28%).
- Less commonly indicated barriers included
 - computers "timing out" (19%),
 - a lack of fast, available printers (12%),
 - pop-up blocking software that interfered with the EHR (8%),
 - a lack of computers in some exam rooms (4%).





ARI RCT Post Survey

- A total of 73 intervention clinicians responded for a response rate of 28%.
- 56% (41) had used the ARI Smart Form during the RCT period.
- 75% of survey respondents said they would recommend the ARI Smart Form to a colleague.

Questions rated on a scale from 1-7 (1= Strongly Disagree, 7= Strongly Agree)	N responded	Mean
Recommendations in the ARI Smart Form are correct for my patients	41	5.34
The ARI Smart Form helps me comply better with ARI guidelines	41	4.68
The ARI Smart Form helps me improve quality of patient care	41	4.37
The ARI Smart Form is easy to use	40	3.92
The ARI Smart Form saves me time in the end	41	3.83
The ARI Smart Form improves my workflow	40	3.87
The ARI Smart Form has all the functions and capabilities that I expect it to have	40	4.23
I feel comfortable using the ARI Smart Form	40	4.47
The ARI Smart Form requires too many "clicks"	41	4.46





We also asked them to rate which Smart Form features they thought were most helpful.

Which ARI Smart Form features do you find to be the most helpful?	N (%)
Organizing data	14 (34)
Calculating risk of strep throat for ARI	13 (32)
Providing decision support	14 (32)
Documenting actions	20 (49)
Making it easier to prescribe medications	14 (32)
Making it easier to print patient instructions	25 (61)





ARI Smart Form Feedback

"Usually I do my notes after clinic ends and so I end up writing down hx and physical in brief short hand but with ARI I did note while patient was still there and did rx via ARI which is great!"

"The link to print work notes and patient information sheets are very nice. I woul definitely use this as a documentation tool for URIs. I find it is as fast to use as my templated notes even for very simple things like pharyngitis.

"Overall I like it...And I think the recommendations are good which is obviously the most important thing."





CAD/DM Smart Form Post Pilot Survey

- We asked the CAD/DM pilot users (31) to fill out an online survey after using the CAD/DM Smart Form for 6 weeks.
- 15 pilot users (48%) completed the post pilot survey.
- 11 of these 15 (73%) users also completed the pre survey, allowing us to compare their pre and post responses.
- Of those 15 users, 10 (66%) would recommend the Smart Form to other clinicians unchanged.
- The other 5 suggested improvements we could make to the Smart Form that would make them more likely to recommend it.
- At least two of their suggestions have been implemented already for the RCT release.





CAD/DM Post Pilot Survey

- Survey results suggest that pilot users can see the benefits of using the CAD/DM Smart Form to treat patients with corresponding conditions.
- The majority of pilot clinicians agree that the CAD/DM SF helps them comply better with guidelines (60%) and helps them improve the quality of patient care (67%).

Question	% Agree or Strongly Agree
The CAD/DM SF helps me comply better with guidelines	60
The CAD/DM SF helps me improve quality of patient care	67
The CAD/DM SF is easy to use	20
The CAD/DM SF saves me time in the end	7
The CAD/DM SF improves my workflow	20
The CAD/DM SF has all the functions and capabilities that I expect it to have	13
The CAD/DM SF works well with the rest of the office staff	13





Most helpful Smart Form features

Features Most Helpful	% Agree or Strongly Agree
Providing assessments for each area of disease management	60
Organizing data	53
Providing suggested orders based on individual patient data	53
Printing patient instructions	53
Requests to provide patient info	47
Prescribing new medications	40
Adjusting existing medications	40
Documenting actions taken in the note	33
"Help Me Choose" links	27
Ordering follow-up appointments and referrals	20
Making it easier to write a visit note	13
Ordering laboratory tests	13





Pre and Post Comparison

How satisfied are you with your ability to carry out the following components of chronic disease management?

Percent <u>satisfied</u> or <u>very satisfied</u>:

	Pre Survey %	Post Survey %
Smoking	47	57
Weight	17	21
Diet and Exercise	6	29





CAD/DM SF Feedback

"This is the first LMR item that has allowed updating the health maintenance (smoking status) this is great."

"I like the graphs...and to be able to put them in the note and have them right there without having to go out of the note is really nice."

"What I like about the Smart Form is the way it sorts through the med and problem lists."





More CAD/DM SF Feedback

Alan Cole, MD, Charles River Medical Associates, Chair of Partners Diabetes Council:

"The Smart Form is the easiest way to use the LMR. It provides access to vital signs and most labs and, in addition, permits entry of some data elements (e.g. vital signs and some Health Maintenance items) without screen changes or pop-ups. The Smart Form's decision support functionality assists compliance both by identifying deficits and streamlining most opportunities for correction. There are built-in individualized print- outs that serve as teaching tools that are useful and appreciated. I find myself using the Smart Form 5-10 times every day."





Elizabeth Mort, MD, MPH, Associate Chief Medical Officer, MGH, HPM3 Team Leader:

"The Smart Form allows me to *act* on information rather than spending time pulling it together. The trend graphics have made it easier to show patients where they are and where they need to be. I had a very difficult to manage, noncompliant patient with an A1C of 14. Showing the patient and her granddaughter the Patient View was critical in getting the whole family organized to support the patient. Her A1c came down to less than 9."

Deborah Wexler, MD, MGH Diabetes Center:

The Smart Form is easy to use. It's fast and has some fabulous features (PE, ROS). BRAVO! I really think the Smart Form is time-saving."





What is a Quality Dashboard?

- Physician feedback system
- Clinician-level view of performance on problem-oriented quality indicators
- Comparison to:
 - Clinic
 - National benchmarks
- Drill-down capability
 - Summary measures → List of Individual Patients →
 Patient Charts/Smart Form



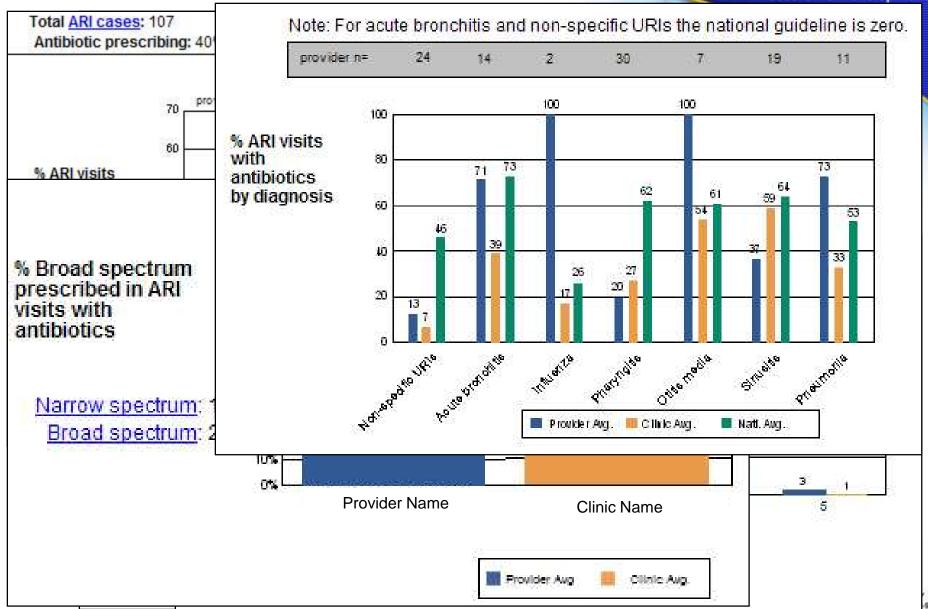


ARI Quality Dashboard Features

- Focus on total and unnecessary antibiotic use
- Narrow vs. broad spectrum antibiotics
- Stratified by type of ARI
- Relatively static because no further action can be taken on that patient









ARI QD Feedback

- Users find the ARI QD report with billing data (diagnosis and level of service codes) very useful since this type of reporting that combines LMR data with billing data is new.
- Users find the tool as a good test of system data check since reports are better with better coded value documentation, as opposed to free-text and outside data points.





CAD Quality Dashboard Features

- Focus on several measures of CAD quality
- Graphical and tabular views
- Actionable
 - Individual patient: "drill down" to Smart Form
 - Lists of patients: link to EMR Patient List function for batch letters and documentation



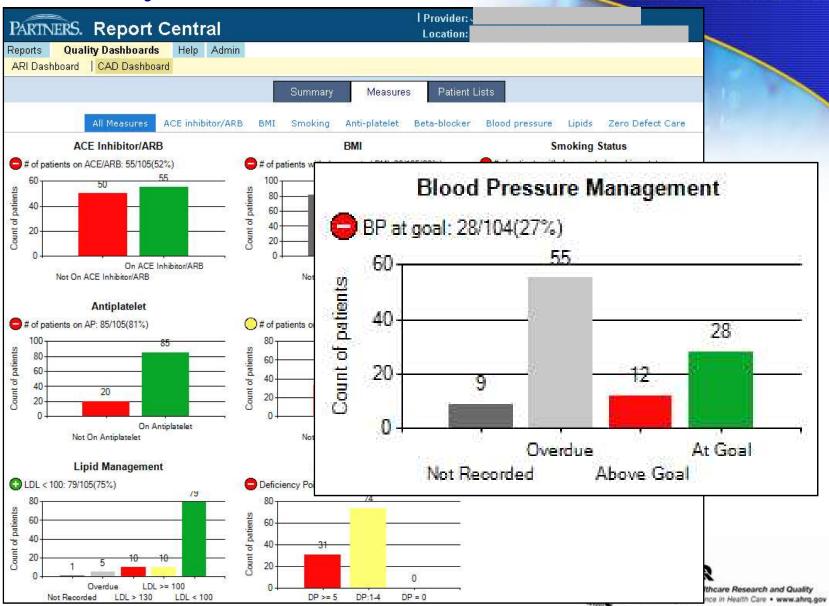




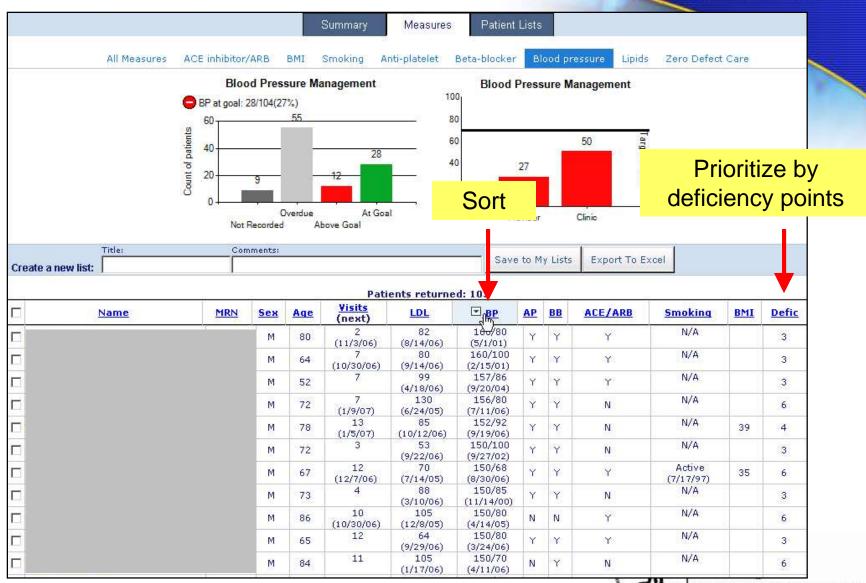
- Aspirin
- Beta-blockers
- Blood pressure
- Lipids







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CAD QD Feedback and Pilot Results

In general, pilot user feedback has been positive. All the physicians have commended the disease-specific snapshot reporting tool that allows them to navigate between measures and drill down to a specific patient view easily.

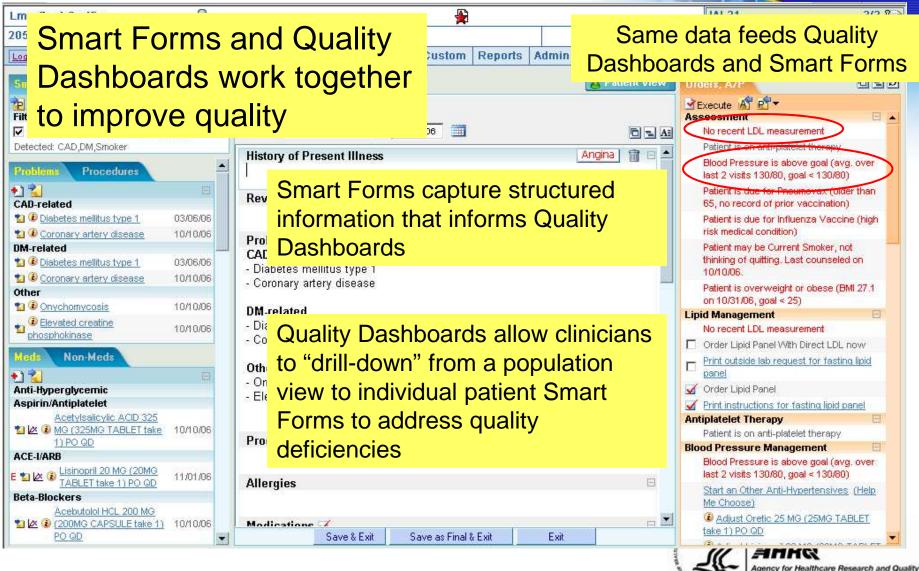
- Users like the ability to define the query and create their own list of CAD patients starting from the base set that the system generates.
- Users like the ability to see the snapshot view graphically as well as in summary format.
- Users find the tool as a good test of system data check since reports are better with better coded value documentation, as opposed to free-text and outside data points.

Quality Dashboards ↔



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Evaluation

1. Usability testing

2. Pilot testing

3. Randomized controlled trials





Development and Usability Testing

- Focus Groups
- Prototype development
- Iterative refinement
- Pilot Testing
 - Real time on-line feedback
 - Surveys before and after use
 - Usability Lab
 - Interviews by outside consulting firm





ARI Smart Form – Pilot Results

	Smart Form Pilot		Previous Season	
	Visits, N	Antibiotic, N (%)	Visits, N	Antibiotic, N (%)
Antibiotic Appropriate Diagnosis	6	6 (100)	367	154 (42)
Non-Antibiotic Appropriate Diagnosis	20	3 (15)	1027	269 (26)

CAD/DM Smart Form – Pilot Results



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	Smart Form Pilot		Previous 6 weeks		
	Deficiency	Deficiency Addressed	Deficiency	Deficiency Addressed	
Beta-Blocker Rx or CI	3/134 (2.2)	2/3 (66.7)*	24/924 (2.6)	1/24 (4.2)	
Up to Date Blood Pressure	14/134 (10.5)	13/14 (92.9)*	133/924 (14.4)	43/133 (32.3)	
Smoking Status documented	45/134 (33.6)	11/45 (24.4)*	339/924 (36.7)	21/339 (6.2)	
Up to Date Height and Weight	95/134 (70.9)	10/95 (10.5)*	634/924 (69.6)	34/643 (5.3)	

^{*}p < 0.05



Randomized Controlled Trials

- ARI Smart Form
 - Completed, analysis in progress
- CAD Diabetes Smart Form
 - In progress
- ARI Quality Dashboard
 - Nearing completion
- CAD Quality Dashboard
 - To begin after CAD DM Smart Form RCT completed



Challenges

- Dependence on external software development
- Physician vs. clinic level randomization
- Reconciling research agendas of several simultaneous IT projects
- Creating knowledge management infrastructure





Dependence on Software Development

- Smart Forms dependent on outpatient order entry and on LMR services
- Delayed product development and RCT start
- Solutions
 - Get development support at highest levels
 - Make needs clear
 - Prioritize and pick battles
 - Minimize dependence if possible
- Lesson Learned: Anticipate and manage



Physician vs. Clinic Level Randomization

- Clinic level
 - Pros: training and support easier, minimizes contamination
 - Cons: clustering by clinic, potential for uncontrolled confounding
- Physician level
 - Pros: no clustering, more effective randomization
 - Cons: training and support more difficult, potential for contamination among physicians
- **Lessons Learned**: be flexible and willing to reevaluate as situations change



Reconciling Research Agendas of Multiple IT Projects

- Questions to Ask: How similar are...
 - The interventions?
 - Target patient populations?
 - External requirements?
 - Logistics of implementation
 - Outcomes to be measured?



Reconciling Research Agendas of Multiple IT Projects



- Conversion to multiple arm study
 - Good when overlapping interventions and outcomes
 - Sacrifices statistical power
- Simultaneous studies in different populations
 - Good when populations can be separated
- Simultaneous studies in same population (e.g., 2x2 factorial design)
 - Good when little chance of synergy between interventions
- Head to head comparison
 - Good when no overlap, each can serve as control for the other
- Lessons learned: need for broad dialogue among stakeholders



Creating Knowledge Management Infrastructure

- Cons
 - Large up-front investment
 - Potential delays in design
 - Bureaucracy
- Pros
 - Mechanism for connecting subject matter experts with programmers
 - Much more scalable as decision support expands
- Solutions:
 - Knowledge management group
 - I-log software





Creating Knowledge Management Infrastructure

Lessons learned

- Flow diagrams for subject matter experts
- Other formats for analysts & programmers
- Finalize logic among small group
- Public e-space to promote dialogue
- Detailed indexing of all logic elements
 - Re-use
 - Prevent redundancy





Lessons Learned: General

- Pilot data encouraging to date
- Potential synergy between Smart Forms and Quality Dashboards
- New paradigms for decision support





Lessons Learned: Smart Forms

- Major barriers to use relate to workflow and human factors issues
- Coded data entry
 - What is the correct amount?
 - May depend on complexity of condition, degree to which data influences decision support, billing requirements, style of individual practitioner





Lessons Learned: Smart Forms

- ARI
 - Greater impact on promoting appropriate antibiotic use than discouraging misappropriate use?
 - Better coding of diagnoses vs. more appropriate care
 - So far, limited to stand-alone ARI visits
 - Will be addressed in future versions





Lessons Learned: Smart Forms

CAD/DM

- Impact greater on documentation than on clinical inertia?
- Biggest barrier is change to current workflow
- Future versions will incorporate health maintenance, other acute and chronic conditions, other features to make it more appealing to use
- Can we reach the tipping point?





Lessons Learned: Quality Dashboards

- Biggest barriers to use are related to the health care system
 - What are the drivers (carrots and sticks) to QD use?
 - Pay for performance
 - Reimbursement for case management
 - For chronic diseases, QD may be more effective as a case management tool





Lessons Learned: Quality Dashboards

- Other major barrier is related to quality of the data
 - Absolute need to tie patients to providers, edit panels, deal with missing data
 - Won't change behavior unless the data are believable
- Big societal trends will drive quality measurement
 - Can providers be proactive? (EHR data better than billing data)





Lessons Learned: HIT Research

- Challenges include IT implementation among providers, external dependencies, randomization issues, competing interventions, and knowledge management
- Concurrent RCTs superior to before-after trials if can be done
- Anticipate and manage problems, but be prepared to be flexible if conditions change





Conclusions

- Smart Forms and Quality Dashboards offer new paradigms to manage acute and chronic medical conditions using EHR technology
- Both have potential to improve care, demonstrate EHR value to providers, and drive EHR use
- Much work remains to be done





Managing Smart Forms Project

Highlights from the past 3 years





HIT project from the management perspective

- Challenges
 - Tough goal
 - Smart, motivated people
 - New challenges every day
- Rewards
 - Tough goal
 - Smart, motivated people
 - New challenges every day



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Challenges

Every stage has its own unique challenges

- Development
- Study design
- Implementation
- Data analysis
- Manuscript preparation







Development

- Software created was very complex
 - Different forms (ARI and CAD)
 - LMR dev team has its own agenda
 - Involvement of other Partners' departments (KM)
 - Incorporating usability expertise and feedback
- Design challenges
- Consideration of needs of a diverse group of clinicians
- Financial struggle to support developers for research purpose (CAD QD)
- Any dev delays caused delays for whole project





Study design and data collection

- Multiple research studies ongoing at Partners created a need for very careful study design and complicated randomization schemas
- Lack and disparate information (PCP lists, residents lists)
- On-line surveys yielded typical response rate





Training and implementation

- Selling the idea to practices
 - Practice leaders
 - End users: physicians and residents
- Implementation
 - Accommodate practice readiness & scheduling
- Training
 - Comply to needs of different users
 - Provide personal training if needed
- Support after implementation
- Additional resources for implementation process would help to increase usage





Analysis

- Time consuming and tedious
- Extremely complex programming
- Cleaning data requires on-going involvement of co-investigators
- Data retrieval process
 - Unique for BWH and MGH patient data
 - No central place to get data





Team issues

- Strong personalities with different ideas
- Not everyone is born to be a perfect team player
- Loss of key people during the study



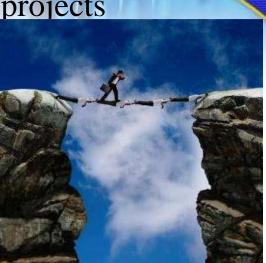




Nature of doing HIT research at Partners

- Co-investigators and PI work on numerous projects
- Work between physicians and developers
- Cooperation with different groups (CITL, CIRD, QDM) necessary, hard, and beneficial
- Partners culture around research work
 - Why research is needed
 - What research needs are
 - Issues with access to research DB, data, etc.
- Distance between
 - Research team and co-investigators
 - Research team and clinics
 - Co-investigators and developers

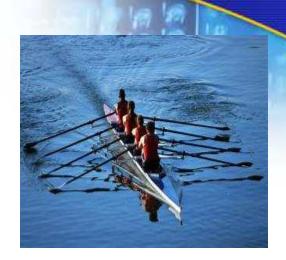






How did we succeed?

- Team excellence
 - Right team composition
 - Experience in different areas
 - Previous research experience
 - Goal oriented
 - Ability to manage team challenges
- High involvement of co-investigators at all stages of the grant
- Previous experience with conducting similar research at Partners
- Early determination of research questions and data of interest (Analysis Plan)





Strong management & project management

- Decision-making hierarchy (buck stopped with the PI)
- High involvement of co-investigators
- Communication / negotiation skills
- Careful proactive planning for every project stage
- Weekly meeting for the whole team
- Agenda and "To-Do" items on weekly basis
- Documentation of all steps (including research DBs development)
- Learning during Pilot stages to have smooth RCTs





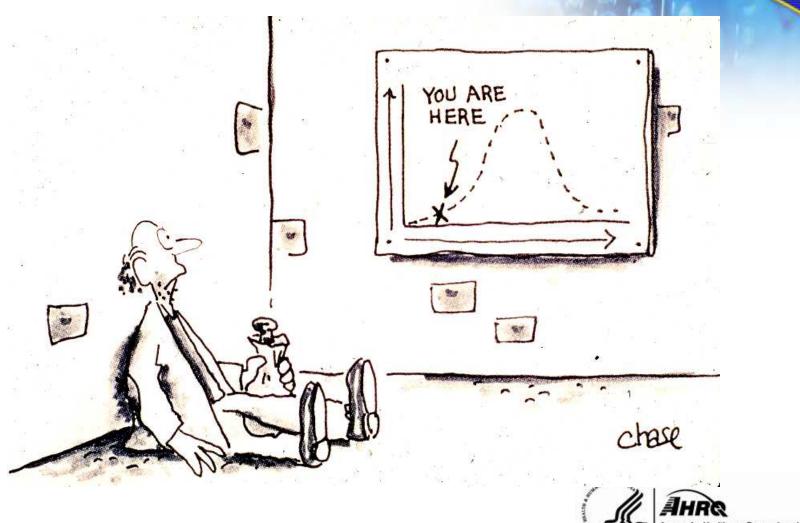
Rewards

- Accomplishing difficult tasks
- Positive feedback from physicians
- Results dissemination at national conferences and through manuscripts
- Getting feedback from a wide range of researchers
- Making a difference in patient care?





Where Are We?







Discussion, Q&A

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